

REMARKS:

Claims 3-5 and 10 are in the case and presented for consideration.

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the productive interview for advancing the application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 3-5 and 10 stand rejected for allegedly failing to comply with the written requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The reasons for the rejection are stated on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. In particular, the Office Action asserts that it is unclear in the Applicant's specification where two pair of hinges are disposed. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that the placement of the hinges are disclosed in the present application. Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to page 5, lines 20-25, of the specification which describes, with respect to an exemplary embodiment, that hinge devices 6 have cases 7 and that the cases 7 of, for example, four hinge devices 6 are set inside setting holes 8. Moreover, Figs. 2 and 4 illustrates in an exemplary manner the feature of "two pairs of spaced apart hinge devices attached respectively on opposite sides of one of the first and second members", as recited in claim 10 (kindly note reference numeral 6 in Figs. 2 and 4). Figs. 2 and 4 are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenient reference.

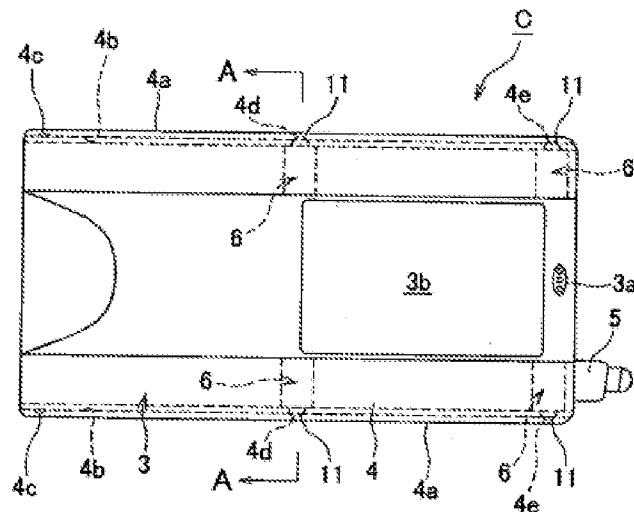


Fig. 2

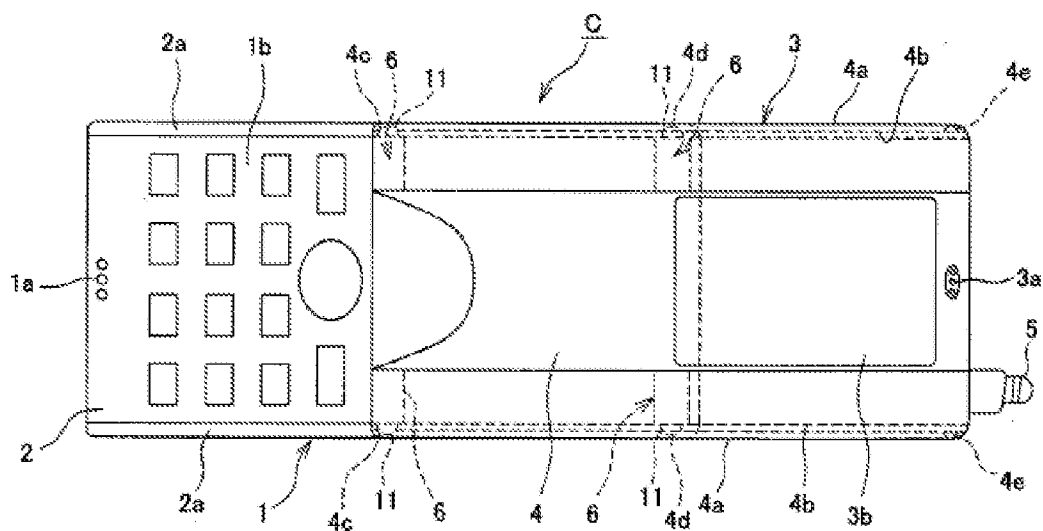


Fig. 4

Based on the foregoing discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection of Applicant's claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, has been overcome and that claim 10 is believed to be allowable. Claims 3-5 depend from claim 10

and are therefore allowable at least for the same reasons given above for claim 10.

Applicant has endeavored to make the foregoing response sufficiently complete to permit prompt, favorable action on the subject patent application. In the event that the Examiner believes, after consideration of this response, that the prosecution of the subject patent application would be expedited by an interview with an authorized representative of the Applicant; the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (845) 359-7700.

Applicant respectfully submits that by this Reply, the application has been placed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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